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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Re: Application of Katsuhito GOMI, Kazutoshi FUJISAWA, Naoyuki OKUMURA, and  
Shinichi KAMOSHIDA  
FIXING APPARATUS  
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**  
Our Ref. Q78836

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirty (30) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and eight (8) sheets of drawings. **The requisite U.S. Government Filing Fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and Assignment will be filed at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>8</u>	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<u><b>\$770.00</b></u>

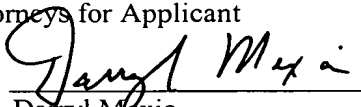
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-353750	December 5, 2002
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The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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